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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed March 2, 2004 in the above-referenced matter, applicant submits respectfully that the Restriction Requirement (RR) Response identified Group I as the elected subject matter and therefore complies with the Restriction Requirement. Additionally, applicant submits that the RR Response included an amendment adding claims that linked Group I and II, and thus, pursuant to section 809 of the MPEP, would require withdrawal of the RR upon allowance of relevant Group I claims.

In closing, applicant requests respectfully that the Examiner withdraw the non-compliant status and examine the claims in accord with the previously submitted election of Group I and the linking claims as appropriate. Applicant notes that no extension of time has been included with this response since the RR Response identified Group I and was therefore in compliance with the RR. However, if an extension is deemed necessary to preserve the pending status of the application, applicant authorizes charge of the requisite fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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